

a more safe and secure world expressed itself in years of service to peace efforts, including serving on the board of SANE FREEZE.

Jack has traveled around the globe representing the best in what it means to be an American citizen. He has represented the United States as a worker, as a representative of organizations advocating equality and justice, and as a brother to all in struggle. His experiences, intense study, love of country and his warmth and humor have provided tens of thousands with a deeper sense of joy and optimism for the future of humanity. Jack understands a better world is possible. His life, his writings and his example provide a bright light to all of us attempting to bring a better world into being.

Thank you, Jack Hunter O'Dell, for your selfless service to our Nation. It is an honor to know you and to have benefited by your talents and dedication. Best of luck to you as you continue your noble work helping to inspire all Americans to take the high road toward peace, community, and a stronger democracy.

**SALUTING BORINQUEN PLAZA
SENIOR CENTER AS IT CELEBRATES
31 YEARS OF SERVICE**

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this moment to offer my congratulations to the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center on its 31st anniversary. New York's 12th Congressional District is enriched by this institution serving our seniors during their golden years.

Located within the Borinquen Plaza Public Houses in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, this senior center was founded on July 22, 1977, by Los Pioneros Puertorriqueños, an organization focused on social and economic justice. Since its inception, the center has served as a safe haven from everyday struggles for countless senior citizens. Thanks to the leadership of its sponsor, board members, executive director, and staff, senior residents of Borinquen Plaza Public Houses and the surrounding community benefit from a facility dedicated to meeting their needs. The center works to promote nutritional, emotional, and physical wellness. On a daily basis, more than 230 congregate meals are provided, as well as approximately 200 meals-on-wheels to homebound seniors. Further enhancing residents' lives, daily recreational activities are planned, special events and holiday festivities. It is through these programs and the unwavering commitment of the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center that our elderly neighbors have experienced meaningful benefits.

In closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center for its dedication to the seniors of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The residents of our community and I look forward to many years of continued service.

HONORING LOUISE BRADY

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor the legacy of an outstanding educator, Mrs. Louise Brady. I am proud to join the entire Virgin Islands community in extending best wishes to Mrs. Brady, as she retires after 56 years of exemplary service to Virgin Islands children and families, as a teacher and principal at the All Saints Cathedral School. In that capacity, she demonstrated the highest degree of integrity and humanity. Mrs. Brady has inspired and instilled in our young people fairness, honesty, respect, tenacity, and a firm commitment to achieving one's aspirations.

Mrs. Brady migrated to St. Thomas in 1952 and started work as a teacher at All Saints Cathedral School. In 1975, the Cathedral Church of All Saints, through its rector, The Very Rev. Thomas W. Gibbs III and vestry member Mrs. Reubina Gomez, invited her to accept the post of principal of the school.

As principal, Mrs. Brady worked feverishly to shape the school into the Virgin Island's premier institution of education for students from pre-school through grade 12. Over the years, the school has produced persons who have gone on to serve the Virgin Islands, the United States, and other parts of the world in various capacities. Mrs. Brady is not just an icon of All Saints, but of the community of the Virgin Islands as a whole.

During her years at the Cathedral School, she married, and with her husband, raised four children; all of whom are accomplished in their sphere of work. Her children, Alonzo, Stephen, Beverly, and Deborah, were educated at All Saints Cathedral School.

Mrs. Brady has also been a faithful Anglican/Episcopalian, who has a strong belief in prayer which she also instilled in the students. Every activity at All Saints, to this day, begins with prayer.

With her love and eagerness to see all students achieve their full potential, Mrs. Brady ensured that the students participate in both academic and extra curricula activities. The numerous trophies, plaques, and commendations that are prominently displayed on the office walls are a testimony to the numerous successful competitions in which the school participated. Activities such as the Christmas concert, Black history fair, music and art festival, science and social studies exhibition, maypole are some of the initiatives that the school has introduced to enrich the lives of the students and make them well-rounded individuals.

Mrs. Brady has always embraced, encouraged, and welcomed children of all nationalities, creeds, and races; therefore, making all Saints a true rainbow of an integrated society.

Mrs. Louise Brady has directly or indirectly impacted the lives of just about every family in the British and U.S. Virgin Islands, mine included as my brother Adam and sister Rebecca were among those who benefited from her tutelage.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to this phenomenal woman. The Virgin Islands are truly blessed to count her among our most treasured jewels.

REMEMBERING 1ST LT. CARWILE

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I stand now to remember 1st LT. Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile. First Lieutenant Carwile served as a platoon leader in the United States Army and was actively serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Throughout Carwile's service to his country he received many awards including: The Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and other Service Ribbons. First Lieutenant Carwile was Airborne and Air Assault qualified, and was also awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

First Lieutenant Carwile fell in battle on August 15, 2008 during an ambush that involved enemy combatants, and an improvised explosive device. Carwile was a servant of the people. When he wasn't protecting our freedoms abroad, he was protecting them in Mississippi, where he served both the Batesville and Oxford Police Departments. First Lieutenant Carwile is survived by his wife, Jennifer Gail Carwile, and two daughters, Elizabeth Reese Carwile and Avery Claire Carwile all of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Please join me today in saluting one of America's heroes for his life of service and sacrifice.

JOEY HAGERTY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, for Joey Hagerty, one of my constituents from the City of Rio Rancho, this year has been the best of times, and it has been the worst of times.

In March, Joey's dad was in a terrible car accident.

Like any other son in a similar situation, Joey found himself traveling back and forth between his work and his family's home, where his father was slowly recuperating. Unlike most of America's sons, however, Joey's work was at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. While his father was healing, Joey was training to be an Olympian.

Joey kept up his training even as he helped comfort his father. In June, Mike Hagerty got to watch his son qualify for the Beijing Olympics. Last month, he saw something he never thought he would see. Mike watched his son help propel the U.S. Olympic gymnastics team to a bronze medal.

Joey showed a commitment—to family and to excellence—that should inspire all of us. He represents the true spirit of the Olympics.

I rise today to honor Joey Hagerty, the first Olympian from Rio Rancho, a talented athlete and a devoted son.